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# *THE* **OSTEOPATHIC DIGEST**

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

**APRIL, 1956**



**DR. McCAUGHAN DELIVERS O. J. SNYDER MEMORIAL ADDRESS**

**Founder's Day  
Inspires Alumni**

**PG Symposia Series  
Gains Momentum**

**Dr. Bashline  
Gives Essay Prize**

**PCO Will Conduct Pre-Convention Courses for AOA**



# Alumni Day — June 9, 1956

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Recent Advances

in

General Practice

College Auditorium—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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REUNION LUNCHEON

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ALUMNI BANQUET

Drake Hotel—6.30 p.m.

David J. Bachrach, '27, Toastmaster

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Class Reunions—4 p.m. until post-time

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General Chairman — William J. Gillespie, '49

Associate Chairman — Andrew D. DeMasi, '47

Educational Co-Chairmen — Ralph J. Tomei, '39

Daniel I. Ford, '43

Banquet Chairman — William G. Morris, Jr., '40

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# OSTEOPATHIC DIGEST

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## Founder's Day Points Forward

**F**OUNDER'S DAY 1956 made a memorable week-end at PCO.

The observance in actuality began on Friday night with the annual Founder's Day meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. The alumni held a general meeting Saturday afternoon in the College Auditorium, following Founder's Day ceremonies.

Saturday evening the Annual Charity Ball filled the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford with the atmosphere that has made this annual feature a fixture in the College and Hospital calendar.

PCO was highly honored in having as its O. J. Snyder Memorial speaker the Executive Secretary of the American Osteopathic Association, Dr. Russell C. McCaughan. Dr. McCaughan will retire, as of September 1, from active direction of the Central Office Departments and Bureaus and take the high rank of A.O.A. Executive Secretary Emeritus.

His presence on the rostrum in the College Auditorium was momentous in that he brought to the audience, first-hand, the historic implications of President Eisenhower's message just two days before. In quoting the President, Dr. McCaughan pointed out that it marks a milestone in the history of osteopathic progress on the national front, because the President specifically named osteopathy in the category of healing arts professions eligible for aid from the Federal Government.

Coming at a time when the collective attention of the College, its hospitals, its Alumni, and its adherents through-

out the country are centered on forward-pointing activities, the message was very much to the point of mutual interest.

PCO faces a building program which involves both the teaching function and public service. Our 47th and Spruce corner lot, the ground on which the new six-story College Building will stand, is inviting constructive action. The Sargent Building at North Center is rapidly nearing its conversion to complete occupancy. The Staff Committee is working on plans for extension of the 48th Street Hospital.

Dr. McCaughan's good words therefore rang a responsive chord in the heart of every listener.

The Founder's Day meeting of the Board of Directors vibrated in the

same key. Plans were laid for early activation of the Hospital Staff's recommendations. Assurance of State support in College operation at the level of the Commonwealth's participation in medical school aid and the prospect, through Federal agency, of making every building dollar donated a "double-your-money" contribution, gave to the Board's deliberations the firm feeling that augurs extremely well for the future of the institution in all areas.

Dr. Frederic H. Barth, Chairman of the Board, in his presentation of the 1956 O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal to Dr. McCaughan, highlighted the fact that although Dr. McCaughan is known to the profession and to the world at large as the man who for more than a quarter of a century has guided the national organization's central organization, he is primarily an osteopathic physician with a career as a general practitioner well established when he first answered the call for a national leader.

Born in rural Indiana, Dr. McCaughan studied at Indiana University, taught school in Howard County, Indiana, then took his degree of D.O. at the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville in 1913.

He was in practice for 14 years before stepping to the helm of the American Osteopathic Association office in Chicago. PCO was indeed honored to have as its Founder's Day speaker a man so richly embodying everything that has made the march of osteopathy vital, aggressive, and successful in the first 50 years of this century.



Dr. Barth Presents O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal to AOA Executive Secretary



# Founder's Day Convocation

## *Program*

PRELUDE—"Andante" from Symphony No. 5—Beethoven  
Frederick E. Drechsler, B.S.

PROCESSIONAL—March from "Rienzi"—Wagner

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

MEMORIAL PRAYER— The Reverend Stanley Kiehl Gambell, D.D.  
Pastor — Woodland Presbyterian Church

INTERLUDE—"Send Forth Thy Spirit"—Schuetky  
The College Glee Club  
Frank Kuykendall, Director  
Leonard V. Worth, Jr., Accompanist

SALUTATORY— Frederic H. Barth, D.Sc.  
Chairman, Board of Directors

PRESENTATION OF THE O. J. SNYDER MEMORIAL MEDAL

THE O. J. SNYDER MEMORIAL ADDRESS—  
Russell C. McCaughan, D.O., Ph.D. (Hon.), D.Sc.  
Executive Secretary, American Osteopathic Association

INTERLUDE—"Go Not Far from Me"—Zingarelli  
"With a Voice of Singing"—Shaw  
The College Glee Club

BENEDICTION—

RECESSIONAL—"Postludium"—Whiting



# The O. J. Snyder Memorial Address

## January 28, 1956

RUSSELL C. McCAUGHAN, D.O., PH.D. (Hon.), D.Sc. (Hon.)

**F**OUNDER'S DAY is a tradition in institutions of higher learning in this country—a tradition not without a peculiar significance, a significance bound up in the fact that a very large number of such institutions are each indeed the result of the planning and hard work of one man or of a very few men.

True it is that such founders were, in most cases, already leaders in a group of persons interested in a particular kind of higher education—leaders of the group because of outstanding ability at organization, because of their own educational preparation and because of ability to collect a faculty and to find means of support. We say such men are “inspired.” More factually, we know such persons are able to foresee a need, a definite objective—a need and an objective related to the times in which they lived.

So-called private colleges and universities were the first pattern of higher education in this country. But even the great tax-supported universities, colleges and professional training institutions can each look back to one man, or to a very small group of men, who were actually the brains and the drive in founding the institution.

I did not know Dr. Mason Pressley who is acknowledged in this school's most recent catalog, as one of the founders of the College. I do know, by reputation, that he was a remarkable person. He was first editor for the school and its publications and of the *Philadelphia Journal of Osteopathy*. He was a remarkably clear exponent of the osteopathy of his day and a virulent critic of the inadequacies of medicine as practiced in that day. He was Secretary and Treasurer of Philadelphia College and Infirmary of Osteopathy and evidently a powerful influence.

It was my privilege to know Dr. O. J. Snyder, to visit with him on several occasions, to encourage him to discuss the past of this institution and its obvious destiny. Most often do I remember his expressions of the responsibilities of the College in view of the need for the service which the College's graduates could render.

Dr. Snyder found time to take an interest in the organized affairs of his profession. He was the twentieth Pres-



The Founder's Day Processional

ident of the American Osteopathic Association, taking office in 1915.

### *The Problems of the Founders*

He was a forward looker and, better, he was a forward planner. He knew well the biologic sciences and the medicine of his day. He learned the philosophy of Andrew Taylor Still and its application to the problems of health. He had an uncanny ability as a teacher. He surrounded himself with others of similar beliefs and abilities who helped in formation of a faculty. A large percentage of the members of the profession today, and in years past, owe their opportunity for service to this institution of which Dr. Snyder was initiatory.

And so this Philadelphia College of Osteopathy can look back today at great founders, to men of knowledge and of superlative will power. Certainly, in remembering O. J. Snyder and Mason Pressley, and those who helped them, this College may well take satisfaction and pride in its founders.

We have problems in osteopathic education today but, for a minute, think of the problems of 1898. The founders had financial problems and problems of assembling an able faculty. But they had more difficult obstacles.

They espoused a new philosophy of the maintenance of health. In a time when medicine devoted its full attention in an effort to cure disease and to relieve pain, when the practice of medicine was shot through with therapeutic nihilism—questioning every medical technic then in use—this school was devoted to methods of maintaining health, and of building the body into the best possible self-protective entity.

Osteopathy stood then, as it does today stand, against a strong current of contemporary philosophy—a philosophy which bitterly opposed the unorthodox. Medicine of that day was tied to technics, was indeed almost technics alone. The science of physiology was still in its before-sunrise gloom. In such half-light the body's own ability to resist assault was but dimly envisioned.

Pioneers in osteopathy were unwilling to accept disease as inevitable. Could not the body better protect itself? It did a good job for many, why not a better job for more and more people?

So the obstacles inherent in medical practice had to be met in a world where nearly all health care was based upon an effort to cure.

It is truly only today beginning to be accepted that the most effective way to peace is not that of fighting wars but rather the building of the conditions which make for peace. So it is only today being acknowledged that the synthesis of normal health must receive added emphasis. Meanwhile we do not forget, nor fail to develop, every agency which is today so useful in relieving pain and helping the body to rid itself of disease.

With that background, and in those times, Philadelphia College, under another name, started on a mission with the objective of making good physicians of the osteopathic school of practice.

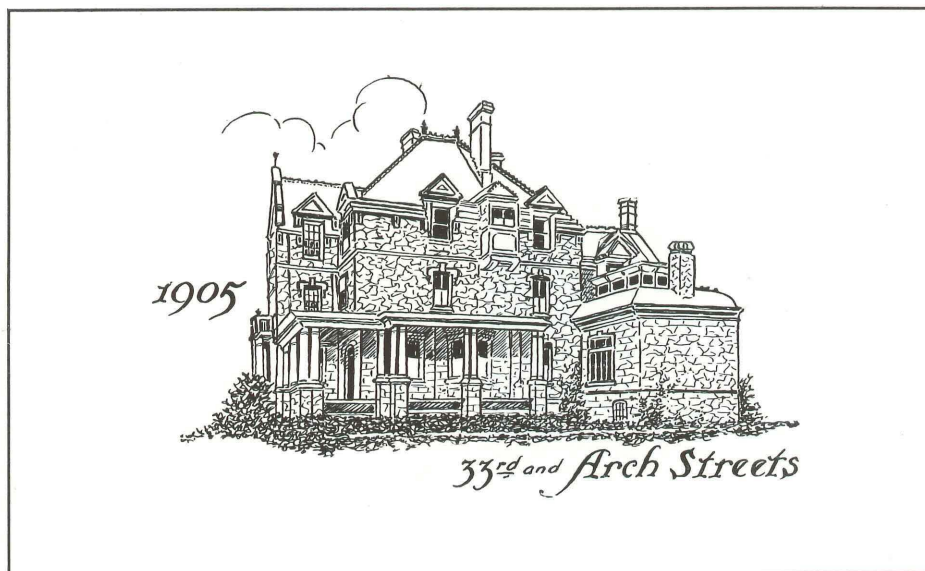
### *Pioneer Thinking*

The first catalog of this school in the library of the American Osteopathic Association was issued in the 1903-1904 school year. I quote two significant sentences therefrom:

“Nothing is in vain in Nature and our power is based upon the procedure which Nature follows.”

And another:





"The purpose and intentionality of a structure should govern the use of it and should also determine the method of repair if the structure ceases to fulfill its purposes."

These quotations will bear study.

Time does not permit us to view closely the economics and the culture of that day but some observations seem worth while.

Medical education was short and comparatively inexpensive, both to the student and to the college. Equipment, housing and facilities adequate for teaching the medicine of that day cost very little. Teachers received little if any pay. Even though a little money would go a long way, it was hard to get for the purposes of educating would-be doctors. Preparation of students to obtain a license was not the difficult problem it is today.

The patient employed his doctor and paid him directly or often not at all. Only the extremely indigent, the soldier, and those in jail, had medical care at the expense of government. Medical service insurance and hospital insurance were not in vogue.

But this school, born in those circumstances, now lives in a different environment. It operates to provide through graduates the best medical service available in this country today—physicians with a sound foundation in science, trained, insofar as time will permit, in the technical application of the facts of biology to the problem of health maintenance. It operates with a large, able faculty of scientists, clinicians and administrators. It operates a school and hospitals. It trains nurses. Its students must be prepared to meet stiff licensing requirements.

#### *National Recognition*

Its teaching program comes under wide scrutiny from educational authorities of all sorts, from the United States Office of Education, the United States Public Health Service, the State Department of Education, from licensing boards and from the recognized accreditation agencies. The school stands up well under such scrutiny. Its reputation improves.

The education of physicians has an extraordinary usefulness today, a function different from that of higher education in general. Schools training doctors offer motive power and compass to biological research. They train general practitioners, ultimate specialists and leaders in public health. They are indeed the center of health service. Those facts are beginning to be dimly realized by the public by which such schools are and should be supported.

But there is an old, ever new, problem involved. Meeting these new standards of multiple accrediting agencies costs money and effort, the kind of effort on the part of many of us that the founders put forth so long ago. Somewhere this effort and that money must be found. It must be found now. We do not forget that there are many more of us today to carry the load.

We live in a time when the country is prosperous, can now, as never before, afford to help medical education. We need to let our needs be known. Never before did people, as a whole, have such an intimate knowledge of what physicians can give in the way of service. With that knowledge comes a desire to find that service.

More and more people appreciate and will employ osteopathic physicians and services. It is a firm conviction that if we could double the number of osteopathic physicians the country would absorb them immediately. Nor must we forget that in the not too distant future, we shall face an opportunity and its concomitant obligation to extend our services beyond our national borders.

#### *Population Growth Sets Pace*

Look more closely at the need for physicians. Students starting preprofessional education next September will graduate and be in practice sometime between 1963 and 1967. By then the population will be about two hundred million and it will be growing at the rate of three million a year. In 1900 the average age at death was about 49 years. In 1955 the average is 71 years. That adds up to 21 years of additional life on the average.

Moreover, it is obvious that by 1967, for example, if the present trends continue, there will be very few very rich people and very few abjectly poor people in this country. More and more of the population will be in a middle income class which knows the value of health care and can afford to pay for it. Even now there are fourteen million families in an income bracket over \$5,000 a year.

We need to have no concern about creating too many physicians and the many related groups in the health service fields, and, to repeat, if osteopathy has grown to a place of wide acceptance and approval in the United States, does that not mean that, when we have the manpower, osteopathy will prove itself useful in the remainder of the world? The answer is obvious.

I commented on the private financial relationship between patient and physician at the time this school was founded. What a difference today! Gradually we see new trends developing. More and more the patient's right to select his own physician and to pay him directly is obstructed. Without intimating whether the trend is good or bad, let us look at illustrations.

Medical service insurance has come into the picture for more than 50 million people. Hospital insurance is bought by even a larger number. Both insurance programs, practically speaking, have a tendency to obstruct free choice of physicians. Hospital insurance service is available largely in staff-controlled hospitals. The patient whose physician does not have a staff appointment must change doctors or lose



the benefits of his hospital insurance. Generally, under the same conditions, failing to change doctors, he loses medical service insurance benefits. The patient-doctor relationship comes under serious assault.

Such medical service insurance has the advantage of spreading costs of medical care between the sick and the healthful. Thus the burden falls less heavily on the sick. It is a recognized principle of protection in this country. Participation has been, for the most part, on a voluntary inclusion basis.

#### *Problems for the Physicians*

In many cases, the services under these schemes now extant, are rendered by a limited panel of physicians and generally they work on a strict and not too generous fee schedule. The liability for paying the physician, and generally for choosing him, is transferred from the patient to the insurer.

I did not say that was bad or good. I point out the difference between the situation today and that when the school was founded. For it is today's conditions, sociologic and economic, to which the graduates of this school must be conditioned.

But there is more. Labor organizations, as a dues benefit, are increasing, by leaps and bounds, their medical service insurance schemes. The same restrictions as to choice of physicians and the same impediment to the close family physician relationship exist here.

Is it good or bad or is free choice of physicians desirably obsolete? Many social workers say so. If the patients' cooperation, based on confidence in an individual physician, is unimportant, then the insurance schemes are a comparatively simple solution to the economics of the distribution of medical service.

Tax-supported medical care comes into this picture. Steadily we progress into what is generally called "state medicine," tax-paid-for medical and hospital care. Most manifestations of tax-paid-for medical care subtract from the practice of the physician in private practice. The number of persons isolated from the private practitioner by state medicine is considerable and the number increases. The list of categories is too large to catalog but some should be mentioned.

Most of us take it for granted that those of our citizens in the armed forces are a medical service obligation of government. But we hear objections when those fighting men and women become veterans and when the government pays for their medical care incident to non-service connected disabilities. Those are not my objections, nor yours, and

certainly they are not those of organized osteopathy.

There are more than 20,000,000 veterans whose medical care may be provided at government expense and, in considerable part, by a comparatively small segment of the physicians available. It is noteworthy that the Veterans Administration has found it desirable and feasible to assign a good deal of that medical care to physicians in private practice, to allow almost free choice of physicians and to pay those physicians directly.

#### *Federal Care of the Sick*

Pending before Congress are bills proposing an elaborate system of medical care to dependents of men in service, some of the service to be rendered by service medical corps and some of it under locally existing hospital and medical service insurance plans.

Many thousands of government employees participate in medical service plans in which government pays part of the cost. And government takes on the responsibility of paying for medical care to other large groups of citizens. The medical care of the poor is a traditional responsibility of government even though we do not forget that practitioners in private practice have rendered such care to millions and have done it, in large part, gratis.

Some categories of illnesses have been singled out for government medicine, such as tuberculosis, cancer, heart disease, orthopedic crippling, blindness, and neurological degenerative diseases. The aged, the new born, children and mothers, have been singled

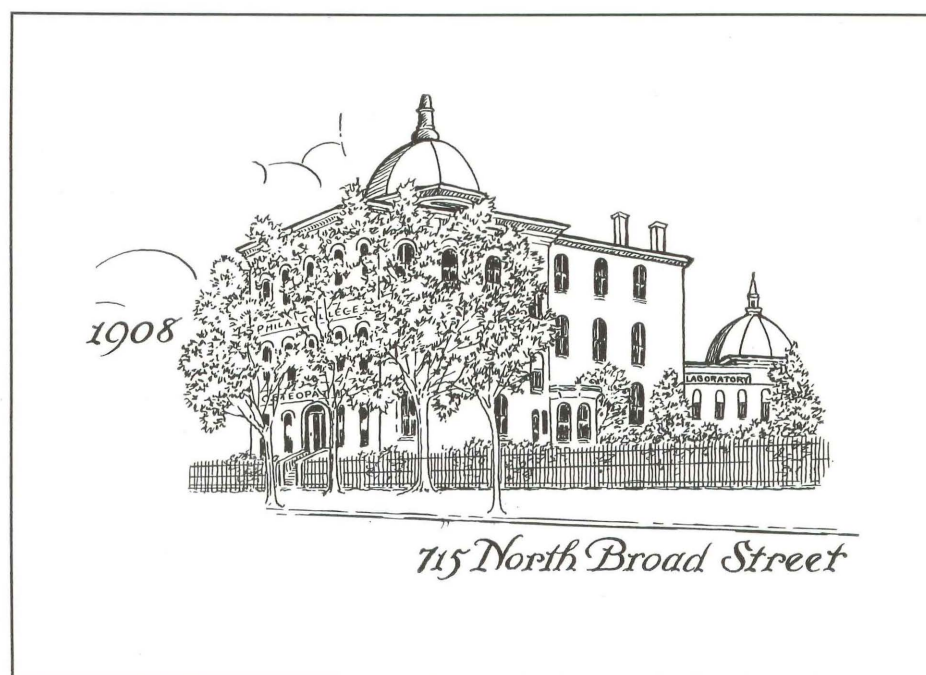
out, from time to time, for special medical service at government expense. Some of that service has been at the hands of private physicians.

"Rehabilitation" has come to be a common word in connection with government-paid-for medical care. Each Congress appropriates funds for this purpose—funds to be spent by way of state agencies. This service, under state control, is generally rendered by a comparatively few physicians and generally is thus abstracted from the field of private practice.

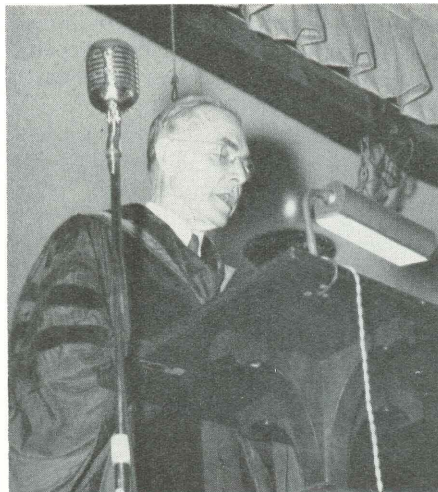
In fact, U. S. Government pressure is frequently in the direction of referring all such service to specialists. That is particularly important to osteopathic physicians who have had a large percentage of "rehabilitation" cases under their care and who are well prepared by philosophy and practical experience to undertake "rehabilitation."

Is it not significant, as we evaluate trends in the economics of medical practice, that during the tenure of office of the last three Presidents of the United States, various proposals for national health insurance, government operated or controlled, have had most serious consideration of Congress and the administration? Such proposals ranged between out-and-out governmentally operated, compulsory health insurance for all, to reinsurance plans, governmentally sponsored, to cover the major or catastrophic losses of private or voluntary medical service insurance plans.

Let no one believe that such programs are dead, nor that they are attributable solely to one or the other of







the leading political parties. Labor organizations, now suddenly stronger than ever, have supported them, will doubtless continue to press in that direction. Postponement does not mean that the supporters of these plans have quit, discouraged.

They will continue to try to find a solution in this direction. Meanwhile, government continues to experiment in one section after another of the medical service field, thus building up precedent and experience in operation. Social planners never die without educating their successors.

#### *How Long General Practice?*

It would be easy to go on and on with illustrations. Suffice it to say that the doctors graduating from this school today meet a different situation when they enter practice from that which confronted their predecessors. True, there are thousands in general practice. There is still a large number of people who prefer a private practitioner whether in general practice or in a special field. One can still establish such a practice. But the trend is away.

Practice is more and more running into a situation where the pay comes from some sort of insuring agent, private or public, voluntary or government. The graduate of today needs to realize this. And so does the school which trains him. The changing philosophy of the economics of medical care needs to be a part of the curriculum.

And now turn for the moment to the economics of the school and its students. There is today, as compared to the date of the founding of this institution, an even more difficult situation money-wise. The student of today pays seven or eight times the tuition in effect when this school began, at least four times as much if we take into

consideration the diminished value of the dollar.

And that refers only to his professional education, to which needs to be added his increased cost of preprofessional education of three or four years in college. He spends three or four years in such endeavor whereas, when the school began, a high school diploma was enough. The cost in time and money has multiplied.

Not that the investment of time and money is too much. Quite the contrary. Nor have we seen the end of the increase. The country is all too slowly waking up to the fact that the surest way it can continue to improve health service is to help educate physicians.

#### *Teaching Costs Soar*

Another factor in medical education is the increasing costs of the teaching institution itself. One needs only to look clearly at this splendid institution to begin to see the problem. As medical education has proceeded to turn out better and better doctors, its physical facilities and equipment and its faculties have been improved—all at an increasing cost. And the school still faces unmet needs.

There are scarcely enough hours in which to teach the broadening curriculum, as new fact becomes available, even after the recent increases in classroom and clinic teaching. More laboratories, more classrooms, more clinic space and hospital beds are the goals. From somewhere the money must come. It is needed now.

Many years ago the American Osteopathic Association saw that this need was arising. The Association set up an effort to find that money, a pattern now followed by old school medicine. The plan involved a contribution to the support of osteopathic educational institutions which included first, donations from the members of the profession who could best recognize and understand the need.

But it was planned, back in 1946, that certainly philanthropy, private or corporate, should bear a measure of the load. How better could surpluses be applied? Such a plan has been moderately successful. No one has done enough. The contributions have been barely enough to carry our colleges through financial crises. The contributions have not been sufficient to finance needed building or faculty increases. Somewhere that increase must be found.

The profession, and interested philanthropy, can do more. With proper influence they will do better.

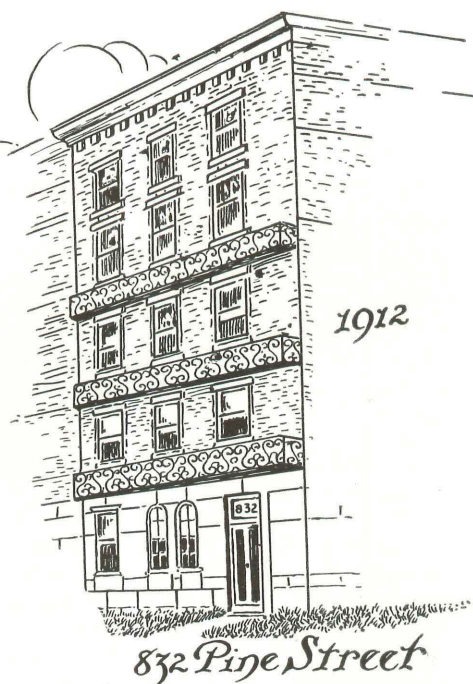
But is there not one acknowledged obligation that has not yet been carried out? How better can government—local, state and nation—invest its tax funds in the service of the people?

Would you say "Government tax money is needed elsewhere—we need better roads." I say, "We need healthy drivers." You argue, "We need better defense." I say, "Healthy people can insure defense." You say, "Our police force and our jails are inadequate" and I reply that "criminals are, by and large, sick in mind or body." You say, "Government subsidies connote government control." I say, "It is not necessarily true. That is not the case in Hill-Burton hospital construction grants, in cancer and heart teaching grants, in grants for research in osteopathic colleges." I assert it is not to any extent true in the example of state university medical schools.

#### *Federal Aid in Construction*

It is encouraging to note that government has made progress in recognizing its responsibilities for the cost of medical education. Many state universities include medical schools and hospitals in their appropriation expenditures. The United States Public Health Service makes grants for teaching of heart disease, cancer, mental health and for research into many medical problems.

If government thereby recognizes its obligation to help teach doctors to this extent, why should it not go farther? Why not help to pay for new construction? Several millions of dollars could







be put to good use in osteopathic colleges alone, for new classrooms, laboratories and hospitals. Several such proposals are before the Congress today with lively hopes of passage.

The newly proposed budget before Congress lists ten million dollars for mortgage loans for medical school construction. A bill, introduced by a leading senator, would grant, in a five-year program, one and one-half billion dollars to medical research and education, seventy million of which would be earmarked for construction. We cannot predict Congressional action thereon.

However, President Eisenhower's State of the Union message read to both Houses of Congress on January 5, contained items of special interest to educators. It has been announced that further details on most of these subjects will be presented in subsequent special messages. Following is a direct quotation:

"Aid to Medical Schools—The Nation has made dramatic progress in conquering disease—progress of profound human significance which can be greatly accelerated by an intensified effort in medical research. A well-supported, well-balanced program of research, including basic research, can open new frontiers of knowledge, prevent and relieve suffering and prolong life. Accordingly I shall recommend a substantial increase in Federal funds for the support of such a program. As an integral part of this effort, I shall recommend a new plan to aid construction of non-Federal medical research and teaching facilities to help provide more adequate support for the training of medical research manpower."

#### *Eisenhower Said "Osteopathy"*

Those lines were written two weeks ago. Day before yesterday the President sent his promised recommenda-

#### **AOA Convention Courses**

Philadelphia College of Osteopathy was invited to prepare a program of pre-convention post-graduate courses for physicians attending the AOA Convention in New York, in July.

For outlines of the courses as planned by Professor Victor R. Fisher, PCO Director of Post-graduate Studies, see outside back cover.

tions to Congress. This is what he said:

"As we strive to achieve better health

for the people, we must help to provide the needed laboratories and teaching facilities.

"I, therefore, recommend that Congress enact legislation authorizing \$250 million for a five year program to assist in construction of research and teaching facilities for schools of medicine, osteopathy, public health and dentistry and other research institutions.

"These institutions would be required to supply at least equal amounts in matching funds."

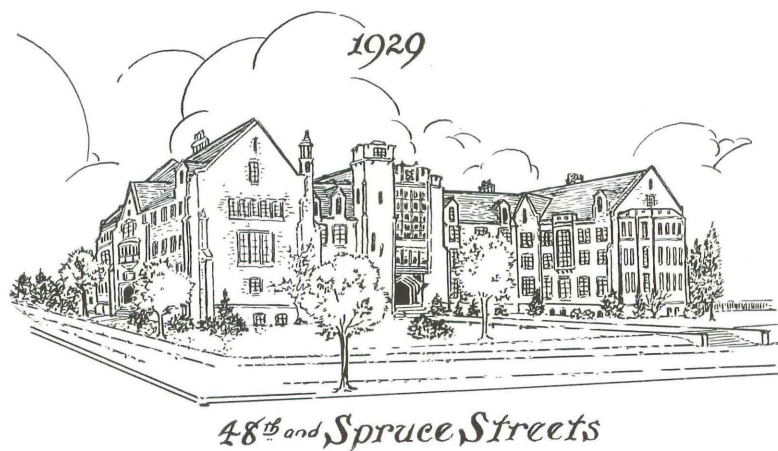
And not only could tax funds be well spent in that direction. Faculties need to be enlarged. Teachers should be better paid. We need to tempt many more outstanding clinicians and scientists into the teaching staffs and into research. Tax money for such purpose will be well spent by college administrations who have an excellent reputation for getting the most for their money.

Society and individuals have an obligation to help themselves by improving the medical service available in this country and this profession of ours and this college, and each of us here today has a not-to-be-eluded responsibility to see to it that this obligation is met.

Osteopathy is a distinctive school of practice. It adds to the sum total of knowledge useful in building health, in preventing disease and disability. It is ours to cherish and improve.

We have no excuse for failure to put our shoulder to the wheel. Nor should we forget to ask others to struggle along with us until we can reach the objective of adequate health care for everyone.

On this Founder's Day let us dedicate ourselves to the opportunities which are open to us to meet the challenge of today with the same kind of devotion so ably demonstrated by the founders.





## Brason, '59, Wins Medals Throwing Weight Around

by MARVIN S. WALLACH, '59

**W**E have a Barbell in a chair in our class every day, Barney Barbell, from Camden and the U. of P. campus, but this is about another first-year PCO man, an athlete, who tosses barbells around like ash-cans, Stanley M. Brason, Philadelphia boy who took his Master's degree at New York University after Temple crowned him a Bachelor and he added a physical therapy certificate to his list of qualifications.

Recently Norbert Schemansky, the world heavyweight weight-lifting champion, said, "The only way to raise a 300-pound barbell over your head is to think it up there." He went on to say, "It helps to have several cubic feet of muscle packed around the shoulders and loins, but the muscle becomes superfluous if the thought is missing."

Powerfully built Stan Brason has vast quantities of both the above qualities. His "thought" can be easily verified by checking the list of degrees after his name. The muscle content is quite visible to the naked eye, and the combination of mind and muscle ("Mens et Manus," it says on the college seal) has carried Stan to many victories and records in Eastern weight-lifting circles.

Stan represented the Crimson and Gray of PCO at the Eastern Intercollegiate Weight-Lifting Championships held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston February 18.

Brason, PCO, took second place in the light-heavyweight division, runner-up to Arthur Butz, M.I.T., who ranks third in the world in this class.

He teamed up with Ed Hotchkiss, U. of Penna., and Nelson Schugart, Drexel, to win the Memorial Team Trophy, the top award of the meet, but the judges ruled them out of the competition as "The Philadelphia Collegians" because they represented three different institutions.

Brason majored in physical education in college and played guard on the strong Temple Freshman football squad of 1950. He turned in his helmet and cleats the next year to concentrate on the art of weight-lifting. At first he worked out merely to keep in shape, later he began to train seriously for active competition.

In his first major meet, Stan placed third in the light heavyweight division. In 1954 he captured first place in the New York Metropolitan Open. Shortly after this he was forced to drop active competition due to a back injury, but made a brilliant comeback in the 1955



Mens et Manus Brason

Philadelphia Championships by finishing a strong third behind Nelson Shugart, National Collegiate Heavyweight champ, and Ed Hotchkiss, University of Pennsylvania.

The 5'9", 192-pound Brason holds the record for several gyms in the East and has a multitude of medals won in exhibition matches. He totals 715 pounds for the three Olympic lifts, pressing 230 pounds, snatching 210, and clean-and-jerking 275.

Stan and wife Marsha, a Philadelphia elementary school teacher, are right now hopefully awaiting the arrival of a "little Osteopath" who may grow up into another big weight-lifter. As for his future plans, Stan would like to associate physical medicine and rehabilitation with his osteopathic practice after graduation.



GLEE CLUB IN CAROL FORMATION

While the kiddies were meeting Santy in the Auditorium the carollers took the Christmas party spirit through the hospital halls. Leader pro tem (back to camera) is Don Bottomley, '59.

## OM Department Dines And Hears Fine Program

The Department of Osteopathic Medicine held its annual Dinner at Old Bookbinders, Saturday evening, February 18th.

Dr. Frederic H. Barth, Chairman of the PCO Board of Directors, gave the doctors a stirring message. President Brandt presented the visiting guest speaker, Andrew J. McMahon, of Camden, N. J., who delivered the closing address.

Professor Earl F. Riceman acted as Toastmaster and between the Barth keynote address and the Brandt sound-off each member of the department entered into a free discussion of matters pertaining to the department's teaching.

Dr. Charles M. Worrell, '26, Chairman of Internal Medicine at Harrisburg Osteopathic Hospital, was a distinguished guest and gave some valuable counsel on the basis of his long experience in the field of practice. Dr. Worrell is a past President of the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

## New Field Afar For Professor Cathie

Dr. Angus G. Cathie, '31, PCO Professor of Anatomy and Department Chairman, sets a new long distance record for himself this year when he journeys to Yakima, Washington, to give a teaching course in applied anatomy and manipulation in connection with the Northwest Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons convention, June 25-27, under the auspices of the Puget Sound Academy of Applied Osteopathy.

Dr. Cathie is President-Elect of the national body, the Academy of Applied Osteopathy.



## Dean on Home Grounds

Dean Mercer addressed the convention of the Connecticut Osteopathic Society at Hartford, February 17 and 18.

It was a homecoming trip for the Dean, a Nutmeg State native and for five years a member of the State Department of Higher Education.

## PCO Head Marches In U. of P. Procession

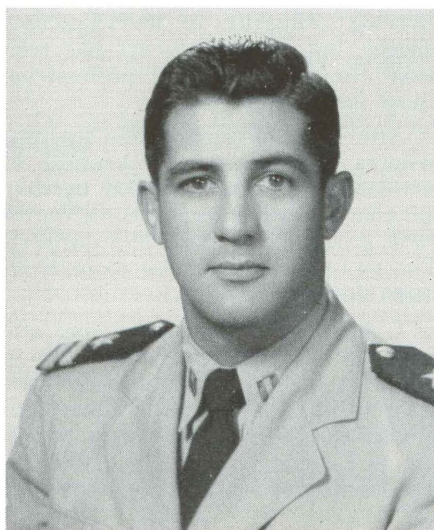
PCO was represented by its President in the academic procession at the University of Pennsylvania Founder's Day Convocation, Saturday, January 14, 1956, held in the William B. Irvine Auditorium, on the university campus, celebrating the 250th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, Founder of the University.

The Convocation address was delivered by Dr. Alic Halford Smith, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, England, who received the degree of LL.D. Other degrees were conferred upon Dr. Nathan Marsh Pusey, President of Harvard, Dr. Alfred Whitney Griswold, President of Yale, Dr. Alvin Duke Chandler, President of William and Mary College, and Dr. Thomas Malcolm Knox, President of St. Andrew's University, Scotland.

Dr. Gaylord Probasco Harnwell, President of the University of Pennsylvania, presided.

PCO holds its annual Commencement Exercises in Irvine Auditorium as the guest of the university. It was an added gracious touch for PCO to be invited to be represented among the distinguished educators and men of letters who marched in the procession.

## Basler, Georgia Tech, Is 1960 Leadoff Man



From USN to PCO

**L**EADING alphabetically at this point and likely to be a leader all the way in the class of 1960, which is being selected for entrance into PCO next September, is Joseph Aloysius Basler, Old Forge, Pa., who went south for his pre-professional education and served two hitches in the United States Navy on his way to here and now.

At 48th and Spruce, in the office of Director of Admissions Rowland, the Faculty Admissions Committee meets every Thursday morning. When a candidate has at least two recommendatory letters from osteopathic physicians, a communication from his Dean or pre-professional adviser in college, and the necessary curricular credits, he meets the Admissions Committee. Out of this weekly process a really fine class of D.O. candidates is lining up for matriculation September 12.

Old Forge is near Wilkes-Barre and in Wilkes-Barre Joe Basler was born, a city of better than 76,000 population, where once flourished an osteopathic college and where today there is only one osteopathic physician with an office address inside the city limits!

At PCO, however, there are 14 students who plan to open practice in Wilkes-Barre. Basler makes 15, and he is likely to be a leader in his community as he has been elsewhere up to date.

At G.A.R. Memorial High School in 1943, they gave a mental and physical test to the boys to pick candidates for the U. S. Navy V-12 College Training Program. Joe was the only one accepted.

He was sent to the Navy Unit at Georgia Institute of Technology for 28 months of rigorous training. During his last year, he served as Company Commander. In February, 1946, he was commissioned and spent the next 16 months with the fleet. Upon separation from the Navy in June 1947, he re-entered Georgia Tech, graduating in 1949 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering.

He played halfback with the Rambling Wrecks or Golden Tornadoes, as you please, and also won varsity letters on the wrestling team. For 2½ years after graduation, he worked as a safety engineer, traveling the United States, then was recalled to active duty in the Navy, serving 22 months in the Korean conflict as a Lieutenant, mainly duty as Staff Operations Officer for Destroyer Division 82. When he wrote out his first application for PCO, he was Executive Officer of Naval Reserve Service Division 4-58.

The application was largely the result of frequent discussions with the staff physician in destroyer headquarters. After separation from service in September 1953, he started working as an industrial engineer. He was on a cost estimating job the week he sat down with the PCO Faculty Committee.

A big influence on Joe's lifework decision was the encouragement of his wife, whose brother is a dentist and a very ardent advocate of osteopathic treatments for patients. Another big incentive is his boyhood pal from Wilkes-Barre, James Elias Xanthopoulos, '57. They played high school football together. Jim went to Lafayette, while Joe rambled to Georgia.



FOUNDER'S DAY AT U. of P.

PCO President is second from left in fourth row. The University President opens ceremonies. Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University is first row, right end.



# Across the Dean's Desk

by SHERWOOD R. MERCER

**T**HE central concern of a university or professional school faculty is, of course, the nature and quality of the intellectual activity around and in which the faculty has its very being and through which it expresses the dynamics of its intellectual drive and its impact upon the society of which it is a part.

A faculty therefore, must have a philosophical concept which serves as the lodestone which draws it together and it must have a clear idea of its corporate, as well as its individual member's relationship to the wide world of learning. These are essential, first because a faculty cannot exist as such in a vacuum, it must have associations from which it can draw ideas, vigor and, on occasion, solace and, secondly, because its possession of a philosophical point of view is the key to its capacity to articulate itself to the intellectual activity of the scholarly and professional world.

Without this central philosophical core a faculty will not be able to contribute meaningfully to scholarship and learning nor will it effectively be able to select out of the abundances of the world of learning those ideas which will help it better to do its own job and hence better to serve learning and mankind.

Faculties in the twentieth century have not found it easy, in some instances, not even possible, to agree upon an idea of their nature and function. This has led, in some parts of the world—our own nation not excepted—to a debasement of learning and education. One of the by-products of this has been a rise in the place and importance of vocationalism, used in the less desirable sense of that term.

The distintegration of faculties in the arts has led to a decline of liberal arts and to a rise in vocationalism. One reason for this is that the vocational faculties knew what they were after, knew how to do their jobs, and through demonstrated results, have won the approval of society.

## *Who Remembers Sparta?*

In a brilliant essay entitled "Who Remembers Sparta?" and read at a conference "A Liberal Education in Engineering" held at Arden House, Harriman, N. Y. and sponsored by Columbia University School of Engineering, Howard Mumford Jones in part wrote as quoted below. He is

referring primarily to undergraduate colleges, but what he writes has relevance for university and professional school faculties as well.

"After some decades in the teaching business, I have grown skeptical of curriculum requirements and curriculum changes, which seem to me on the whole governed by the French proverb, 'The more it changes, the more it remains the same thing.'

"I doubt that requiring young students to study general education, or American history, or courses in literature or philosophy greatly alters their interest or broadens their view per se, just as I doubt that loyalty oaths produce patriotism or that the American

heritage is insured by keeping non-conformists off the campus.

"To me the substance of what is taught in beginning courses (or later ones, for that matter) is of less consequence than the philosophy of those who teach; and I suggest that you are not going to restore the old belief in the validity of general ideas until you see to it that the teacher has some belief in the validity of general ideas.

"The semantic confusion between instruction which is broad and instruction which is broadening cannot be cured by eclecticism; and an American faith in the validity of rational man can be restored only when we get into the classrooms a body of teachers of deep conviction, who, unwilling to follow current fashions only, quietly, yet generously, insist that man is, with all his errors on his head, a rational animal, or at any rate, of all created beings on the planet, the only one who seems most clearly capable of rationality."

## Message From the Academy

Dear Dean Mercer:

I am directed by the Executive Board of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy to express to you our appreciation for the progress already made and the continuing effort of the Philadelphia College in the direction of adequate presentation of the osteopathic concept and its application, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

From the viewpoint of the stated objectives of the Academy, it is indeed gratifying to observe the broad scope of the courses in osteopathic principles for undergraduates, as well as your postgraduate symposium on low back pain and your inclusion of the musculoskeletal system in the postgraduate courses in the basic sciences.

It may interest you to know also that the Undergraduate Academy at the Philadelphia College is one of the most active in any osteopathic college.

I am directed particularly to offer you the full cooperation of the Academy in whatever way it may assist you in the furtherance of this program of osteopathic teaching.

Sincerely,  
C. R. NELSON, D.O.  
President

## *The Rational Approach*

As I go about the country—Cleveland, Columbus, Hartford—I have been pointing out to groups of osteopathic physicians that it is precisely because of the rational approach to healing which is inherent in the osteopathic concept that osteopathy has survived and prospered. And it is this rational philosophic core which is the lodestone around which the faculty of P.C.O. and the faculties of our sister colleges gather and from which they draw their strength.

The point which must be emphasized, repeated, explicated and backed with money, men and intellects is that the osteopathic faculty must remain free. It must be because this is the *sine qua non* of a faculty worthy of the name, and because as a faculty with a rationale, the osteopathic faculty is an increasingly scarce and precious group in our society, and because only as it is free can it fulfill its obligation to develop its rationale to the utmost for the benefit of man. There can be no salvation, no comfort, no sense of accomplishment in surrender and abandonment of the osteopathic concept. Osteopathy is an American school of the healing arts, it is a rational school and its faculties are worthy of the strongest support which can be rallied to them and to that philosophy which gives their being meaning.



## Centurions and Super-Centurions

**D**OWN the decades since the original date of foundation, the life, health and growth of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and its Hospitals has been the steady and enthusiastic supply of arterial money for the institution's support.

By far the greatest and most regular year by year nourishment has come from the ranks of the profession itself, particularly the alumni. Each year when the Comptroller totals up the score and the auditors go over the accounts, the list becomes more and more impressive.

A College with supporters like these and the unflagging loyalty of its graduates, is able to face the future with confidence.

The scorecard for the last completed fiscal year, for instance, shows 73 individual physicians whose contributions were \$100 and upwards. You could call them the Centurions in the PCO Legion.

The great majority of them did not stop at the century mark, however, and we think it is very worthwhile, on the occasion of Founder's Day celebration, to give citation to the leaders in this broad front progress march.

Here are a dozen who contributed \$250 or more in the course of the last fiscal year, some a great deal more than just "more."

Dr. Walter P. Dobritt, '50, Hamtramck, Michigan.

Dr. James Madison Eaton, '28, Philadelphia.

Dr. Margaret Evans, AT '03, Scranton, Pa.

Dr. Myfanwy Evans, '25, Scranton, Pa.

Dr. Arthur M. Flack, Jr., '33, Philadelphia.

Dr. Richard Sayre Koch, '38, Olympia, Washington.

Dr. J. Ernest Leuzinger, '24, Philadelphia.

Dr. Alice Presbrey, '24, New York, N. Y.

Dr. George S. Rothmeyer, '27, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Drs. Lillian B. and Kenneth A. Scott, '30 & '33, Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. J. S. Siegel, '40, Falls Church, Virginia.

Dr. H. Willard Sterrett, Jr., '44, Philadelphia.

Add to these wonderful people the thousands of hours and thousands of dollars of teaching time and work in the clinics by the profession on our Faculty and Staff and PCO is sure of one thing, just like it says at the start, life, health and growth!

These citations cover the 12-month period ending May 31, 1955. The current fiscal year ends May 31, 1956. We know the next number of the *DIGEST* will list an even longer line of Centurions and Super-Centurions.



**DR. SMITH BECOMES F.A.C.O.S.**

His friend and Staff Chief, Dr. James Madison Eaton, does the honors when the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons elevates our Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology.

### Dr. Bashline Offers Award for Senior Essay

Last Commencement PCO conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science upon Dr. Orin O. Bashline, ASO '07, of Grove City, Pa., and Coral Gables, Fla. This Commencement Dr. Bashline's signature on a check for \$100 will be conferred upon some graduating Senior.

"O.O.," pioneer of surgeons with the D.O. degree in Pennsylvania, wrote from Florida regretting he couldn't be here for Founder's Day, adding:

"Glad to know you are putting a forward step in the reinforcing of the teaching of osteopathic physical examination, osteopathic diagnosis, technique, etc. . . . At graduation I will give \$100 to the Senior who will write the best thesis on osteopathic diagnosis and the principles underlying our therapy."

There it is, '56! May 15th is the deadline. All manuscripts must be in the hands of President Brandt on or before that date. The winner of the Bashline Century will be announced on Sheepskin Day, June 10.

This is a case where a C in Principles and Techniques means the big payoff!

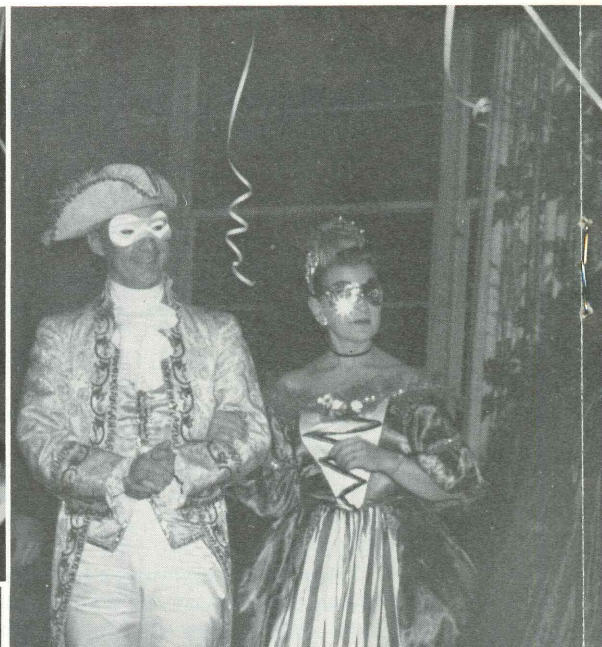


**BREAKFAST FOR TWO**

Departments, that is. Professor William S. Spaeth brought his Pediatrics brigade for an early A.M. sit-down session with ObsGyn Dept. at its monthly dawn-discussion in the 48th Street Hospital Dinery.



# JUNIOR AID MARDI GRAS SPREADS GLAM



For instance, little did he maybe think he would be elected Queen of the Ball when he donned the habiliments of May West and toddled forth on the dance-floor. There he is, upper left, Dr. Francis Jennings Smith, F.A.C.O.S., PCO Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, being crowned with the top garland by M.C.

Harry E. Binder, '36, while Mardi Gras Chairman Mrs. Galen S. Young beams approval. In the middle Queen May leads the Grand March. . . . Other award winners are around and about, like the H. Willard Sterretts with their sandwich boards, the



# OROUS BRUSH OVER PCO PERSONALITIES



"Most-Originals." . . . "Funniest" were the Edward Nagles, organ-grinder and monkey, closely pressed by the Paul S. Youngs, a couple of sinuous Dalmatians. . . . Andrew D. De-Masi and the Mrs. are shown twice, once with all the stuff

aboard, lower left, and top center Andy receiving the prize for most elaborate individual, (he was Louis XIV that night). . . . The best picture in the place was lower-right Theodore C. Loux, '37, as "The Spirit of Chest X-Ray."



# Alumni Board Plans Big Things for Future

DR. H. WILLARD STERRETT, JR., '44  
Secretary, PCO Alumni Association

**T**HE regular Founder's Day Meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Friday, January 27, was a dinner meeting at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel, one of the finest PCOAA Board meetings ever held with respect to work accomplished as well as the general representation of the Alumni at large.

Dr. George S. Rothmeyer, '27, made a special plane trip from St. Petersburg, Fla. to attend this meeting, leaving immediately after the meeting to attend a state meeting at Jacksonville the following day. Dr. Boyd B. Button, '39, drove from Portland, Maine.

In addition to these two new members of the Board, the "regulars" from Providence, R. I. and Harrisburg, namely Dr. Frederick S. Lenz, '35, President-Elect, and Dr. John McA. Ulrich, '27, showed up and made their contributions to the meeting.

Dr. Arnold Melnick, '45, President, introduced a six-point program which he hoped would be the beginning of a much healthier Alumni-PCO relationship. Included in this program was a plan for Convention contacts whereby the College and/or the Alumni Association would be able to hold meetings with P.C.O. Alumni in the field and discuss their mutual problems and acquaint them with current activities of P.C.O.

The second point on this projected program was a plan to improve student relations. Specifically, a plan was devised whereby there would be a committee of five Alumni with a class representative for each of the four classes with an overall chairman. This committee would work with the Dean and administrative authorities and endeavor to improve the student morale and assist financially when justified in various student projects, such as the athletic programs and Student Council activities.

Dr. Melnick's third point dealt with the need for a closer Alumni Board contact and urged additional meetings of the Executive Committee so that all current problems could be reviewed and acted upon instead of the usual delay that occurred between meetings of the Board.

The fourth item on this plan dealt with a proposed questionnaire to be sent to all of the Alumni in practice. Such a procedure would bring Alumni records up-to-date, bring comments re-

garding P.C.O. and constructive criticism to be of assistance to the Board members in carrying out their duties.

Graduate education was the theme for the fifth item in this over-all plan. It was felt that the Alumni Association would like to offer to its members something in return for their dues, as well as the enjoyment of its annual banquet. It has been proven that refresher courses in conjunction with Alumni Day or Founder's Day do not seem to have appeal. Probably this is because there is not the mood for serious thought on Alumni Day or at other times of sociability. On this basis Dr. Victor R. Fisher, '36, Director of Postgraduate Studies at P.C.O., stated he thought some plan could be worked out whereby the Alumni Association could underwrite the cost of a good graduate course. This was referred to a committee for specific organization.

President Melnick's sixth recommendation dealt with a means of improving the Alumni relations between one another and the College. This plan would utilize much of the information obtained from the questionnaire and endeavor to create a better understanding between the College administration

and the recent as well as older graduates.

Additional business items included the nominations of Regional Directors to the Alumni Board. These nominations were approved, and within the next month or so they will be mailed in the form of the regular ballot to all those in good standing of the Association.

A very important item of business included the report of the Finance Committee concerning the total monies contributed to the Alumni Association Trust Fund. The fund was begun almost three years ago in conjunction with the routine billing of dues to the Association. Listed on the envelope under the regular dues fee was a separate space for the inclusion of an amount of money earmarked for an Alumni Endowment program. This money was kept separate and has been invested into the over-all College Endowment program. With accrued interest, we now have on hand a balance of \$924.89.

There was considerable discussion on ways of making this fund more active and increasing the number of contributors. A special Board Reference Committee was appointed to study this project and develop a working plan.

The plan was originally set up with the intention of eventually endowing a Chair in Osteopathy at the College; however, it was felt that possibly some Alumni would prefer to broaden the scope towards increasing other facilities around the College and, therefore, further plans will be formulated.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 A.M. The general feeling was that a very healthy atmosphere prevailed. Dr. David J. Bachrach, '27, was quite impressed with the scope of the problems encountered and reported he was in a much better position to return to New York and disseminate some of the information he had acquired.

In conclusion, this meeting certainly did accomplish that for which the Alumni organization is planned. There was a general understanding of the mutual problems, and it was obvious that there had been some disagreement in ideas until the discussions helped to improve the atmosphere for all concerned. If this meeting can be accepted as an indication of renewed spirit, then certainly we should have brighter days ahead!

## PCO AA Launches "Lost-Sheep" Drive

This year an all-out membership drive is being undertaken by the PCO Alumni Association, and we are urging all of our "lost sheep" to return to the fold.

There has been a very encouraging response to billings in the past two years. Many alumni have paid Association dues for the first time since graduation, including some graduated as long as twenty years ago and more.

Dues envelopes will be in the mail within the next month, no increase in amount—still \$5.00! Remember that only those members with dues paid are eligible to vote for the Regional Directors of the Association and privileged to nominate members to the Board.

H. W. S., Jr., '44



## Founder's Day Inspires Annual Alumni Meeting

**T**HE Founder's Day meeting of the general Alumni Association was held in the College Auditorium, Saturday afternoon, January 28, following Founder's Day exercises in the morning and luncheon served by the College for the Founder's Day audience.

Shortly after one o'clock Dr. Arnold Melnick, '45, Alumni Association President, reported on the Friday meeting of the Alumni Board, and described his projected six-point plan as discussed by the directors.

Dr. Frederick S. Lenz, '35, Alumni Association President-Elect, spoke briefly on his observations regarding the interest shown by the various members of the Board in the mutual problems. He cited the loyalty of the Directors as shown by their willingness in some cases, to travel great distances to transact the business of the Association and report back to their various regional constituents.

Following the Secretary's report on past activities, the meeting listened to plans being made for the Alumni Banquet in June. Dr. William J. Gillespie, '49, Havertown, Pa., has been appointed General Chairman. All efforts are being made to have even a bigger and better banquet than last year.

Dr. Melnick advocated support of this affair by alumni in practice away from the immediate vicinity of the College, as well as those close by, suggesting that they might do well to return for another look at the "old school," in connection with this social occasion of class and school reunioneering.

The meeting was then opened to a general discussion from the floor. Various alumni present projected ideas for consideration by the Board, dealing mainly with aspects of student-college-alumni relationships. Dr. Raymond L. Ruberg, '39, emphasized the responsibility of faculty members invited to speak at conventions to disseminate the progressive spirit of P.C.O. to every area in the interests of healthier understanding.

This general theme prevailed and seemed to reflect the growing interest of alumni everywhere in the College activities.

H. W. S. JR., '44

### PCO on AOA July Convention Program

As a preliminary to the 1956 Convention of the American Osteopathic Association in New York in July, the Program Chairman of the convention, Dr. Myron C. Beal, CCO, '45, Rochester, N. Y., envisioned a series of courses of postgraduate study which he discussed with the PCO administration.

AOA members desiring to take advantage of the courses as arranged by Professor Victor R. Fisher, '36, PCO Director of Postgraduate Studies, are advised to consult the back cover of the *DIGEST* for details.

### Living Memorials via OPF

Members of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association who passed away during 1954-55 have been honored by their colleagues through a memorial gift to the Osteopathic Progress Fund.

"We know no better way to pay our respect to our deceased members," stated Dr. George S. Rothmeyer, '27, St. Petersburg, FOMA President, "than to make this gift in their memory to the Osteopathic Progress Fund for the future of the profession they have served so well in the past."

Deceased physicians of Florida in whose memory the gift was made included Dominic A. Argenzio, MCO, '44, Oakland Park; O. A. Bingham, KCOS, '32, Hollywood; E. B. Decker, KCOS, '31, Daytona Beach; A. T. Hoffman, Pensacola; A. J. Little, Lake Worth; B. E. Walstrom, Dunedin and Avis M. Withers, CEN, '13, Jacksonville.



Charity Ball at Bellevue Tops Off Founder's Day.



## Alumni Day Welcomes '56 Into PCOAA Family

**P**LANS are underway for the annual Alumni Day at Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, which this year will be held on Saturday, June 9. General chairman for the day will be Dr. William J. Gillespie, '49, with Dr. Andrew D. De Masi, '47, as associate chairman.

A full day's activities are planned with refresher courses in the morning and afternoon, luncheon at the college, and, for climax, the gala Banquet and Dance at the Drake Hotel in the evening, with Dr. David J. Bachrach, '27, New York, as toastmaster.

The theme for the educational program will be "Recent Advances in Practice" which was so favorably received last year. Each of four departments of the college will be given one hour in which to elaborate upon the recent advances in that particular field.

Special emphasis is to be placed on topics of interest to the general practitioner. Dr. Ralph J. Tomei, '39, and Dr. Daniel I. Ford, '43, are co-chairmen for this program, in cooperation with the college Division of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Victor R. Fisher, '36 Director.

The program will begin promptly at 10 A.M. and terminate at 3 P.M., with luncheon served in the college auditorium at noon.

The banquet this year, at which the graduating Seniors will be welcomed into Alumni Association membership, will again be held at the Drake Hotel, whose facilities proved to be so adequate last year. The banquet chairman, Dr. William G. Morris, Jr., '40, is ably assisted by Drs. Jerome L. Axelrod, '47, Herman E. Poppe, '46, Domenic J. Salerno, '49, Morton Silver, '53, and Alvin Rosen, '53. This committee promises a delicious dinner, followed by dancing to the music of a well-known orchestra.

May we take this early opportunity to cordially invite you to attend these Alumni Day activities. Come and renew old acquaintances, or better still, write a note to those classmates you haven't seen all these years and make a date to meet at the college on Alumni Day, June 9, 1956.

## John Weitzel, '51, Heads NCMAOPS Forward March

Last DIGEST we doffed the institutional chapeau to the North Central Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for raising the District dues to provide funds for the support of Osteopathic colleges.

AND for allowing each member to direct his educational fee to the college of his choice.

The money is now rolling in, and here's a headline on an important something omitted from the December salute, namely, the President of the NCMAOPS is Dr. John Weitzel, graduate of PCO, Class of 1951, home town Pittsburgh, now in practice in Harrison, Michigan.

John was always a leader on the campus. The action of NCMAOPS indicates that he is still a leader in the right direction in his chosen field of public service.

NCMAOPS, we repeat, allows each individual member to designate the particular college to which he wants financial support to go. In California, regardless of college, it goes to the California State Association to be administered for whatever college the state organization sees fit.

### Now Hear This!

"It is of course, largely by the extent of the support accorded to a college by its own graduates that the world judges of the right of that college to seek cooperation of others in planning for the future. An institution that cannot rally to its financial assistance the men who have taken its degrees and whose diploma is their passport into the world is in a poor position to ask assistance from any others. It is not merely what the alumni give; it is the fact that they do give that is of supreme importance."

CHARLES WILLIAM ELIOT  
President, Harvard University  
1869-1909

## PCOAA Committees

Alumni Association committees for the year as announced by Arnold Melnick, '45, president, are (By-laws requirements in parentheses):

*Nominating* (5 Board members): B. T. Bailey Flack, chm.; Arnold Gerber, Harry E. Binder, Victor R. Fisher, John McA. Ulrich.

*Property and Endowment* (3 Alumni): J. Ernest Leuzinger, chm.; Frederick E. Arble, Kenneth L. Wheeler.

*Finance* (3 Board members): James M. Eaton, chm.; Andrew D. DeMasi, Boyd B. Button.

*Membership* (at least 3 Board members): Harry E. Binder, chm.; Walter W. Schwartz, John McA. Ulrich, H. Willard Sterrett, Jr., George W. Northup, Charles W. Sauter, II.

*Tellers* (3 Alumni): William S. Spaeth, chm.; George H. Court, Joseph E. Giletto.

*Editorial*: Irwin Rothman, chm.; H. Willard Sterrett, Jr., Emanuel Fliegelman.

*Alumni Day*: William J. Gillespie, chm.; Andrew DeMasi, assoc. chm.; William G. Morris, Ralph Tomei, Domenic Salerno, Daniel I. Ford (others to be appointed).

*Alumni Award*: Robert E. Whinney, chm.; Nicholas Tretta, Martin Neifield, Joseph Back, Ralph Tomei.

*Certificate of Merit*: William Baldwin, Jr., chm.; Herman Kohn, George Stineman, William H. Behringer, Jr., Alexander E. Levitt.

*Convention Dinner, A.O.A.*: David Bachrach, chm.

*By-laws*: H. Willard Sterrett, Jr., chm.; H. Walter Evans, William Scott.

*Alumni Relations*: Robert D. Anderson, chm.; Michael Blackstone, Thomas F. Santucci, Paul T. Lloyd, Roswell P. Bates.

*Committee on Graduate Education*: John McA. Ulrich, chm.; David Silverman, Clarence E. Baldwin, Harold Finkel, Galen S. Young.

*Committee on Alumni Trust Fund*: Executive Committee, sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

*Student Welfare*: Andrew DeMasi.

Dr. Melnick pointed out that there is still room on committees for members who wish to serve. Volunteers should communicate with him or H. Willard Sterrett, Jr., secretary of the Association.



## Geo. Gerlach, '25 Honored By Lancaster Sportsmen

**D**R. GEORGE W. GERLACH, '25, Chief of the Surgical Staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, was signally honored as "Sports Headliner for 1956" at the annual banquet of the Lancaster Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association held at the Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster, January 23.

The Headliner Award, the highlight of the evening's program, cited Dr. Gerlach for his outstanding contribution to sports in the Lancaster area over long years, as demonstrated by his services as unofficial and unsalaried team physician of the Lancaster High School football team, and, on a voluntary basis also, first-aid doctor and athletic health adviser to countless boys in the Lanco Midget Football League.

The banquet, the 10th annual of the association, was attended by more than 400 persons. Seated at the head table with Dr. Gerlach were outstanding sports figures of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The honor was symbolized by a certificate and a watch, presented to Dr. Gerlach with an appropriate citation. The Headliner Award has been presented to outstanding figures in Lancaster County athletics in the past years but this is the first time that a distinguished member of the healing arts profession has been chosen for the distinction.

"Geo" entered PCO from Temple University where he was an all-round athlete. He participated in sports at PCO. Ever since locating in Lancaster, his hobby has been working with junior athletes on the various sports teams and scholastic competitions.



"GEO"

### WL Donates Lotta Linens

The Women's League believes in Santa Claus all the year round.

Just as the ground hog was looking around to see if he could find a shadow, the Leaguers dropped in at 48th and Spruce with a donation of 20 dozen bed linens, very much appreciated and put into service immediately.

### Director of Nurses Moves To Wilmington Memorial

Miss Dorothy Belle Ranck, Director of PCO School of Nursing and Nursing Service of the PCO Hospitals for the past 3½ years, resigned as of February 24, to assume the duties of Director of Nurses and Nursing Service at the Wilmington Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware.

The destinies of the PCO school and the direction of the nursing service are now in the hands of Acting Director Irma Jeannette Reese, a graduate of PCOSN in the Class of 1950. Miss Reese has been Miss Ranck's right hand assistant ever since Miss Ranck took charge of the Nursing Department in 1952.

Miss Ranck took her nursing training at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, and joined the staff of PCO upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania with her B.S. in Nursing Education. Her home town is McVeytown, Pa. Miss Reese is a resident of Glenolden, Pa.

Miss Reese and Miss Ranck were the guests of honor at a 'Tea in the Nurses' Home at North Center Hospital on Thursday, February 16, with Mrs. Sara Searight, Assistant Director in Charge of Nurses at North Center, and the members of the Nursing School Faculty as the hostesses.

During Miss Ranck's term of direction, the School of Nursing made important advances, particularly in the field of recruitment. Miss Reese, by experience of the past four years, is highly qualified to guide the School and the nursing service of the hospitals.



FAREWELL TO A FINE LADY

The School of Nursing Faculty dried tears with sandwiches and a scrumptious cake in the library of the North Center Nurses' Home in honor of the departing Director, Miss Ranck (with orchid) and her successor, Miss Reese. At left is Mrs. Searight. Beaming from the right is Bernhard Westerman, of Hospital Food Management, who baked and embellished the wonderful cake.

### PCO Pre-Convention PG's

Enroute from the AOA Convention in New York in July, physicians from all over the country will be stopping in at PCO for one or more of the pre-convention postgraduate courses arranged by Professor Victor R. Fisher, PCO Director of Postgraduate Studies, in collaboration with Dr. Myron C. Beal, CCO, '45, Rochester, N. Y., AOA Convention Program Chairman.

For description of the courses, see back cover.



## CLASSIFIED

'25—Dr. Theodore W. van de Sande has moved from Toms River, N. J., to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to become associated with Las Olas Osteopathic Hospital and Clinic. Dr. van de Sande is a native of Lebanon, Pa., and was graduated at Lebanon Valley College. He is a past-president of the Toms River Kiwanis Club, and was a member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Osteopathic Association. He practiced in Toms River for about 25 years.

'25—North Jersey osteopathic circles were saddened by the death of Dr. Hazel R. Lachner, Paterson, December 28. Dr. Lachner had practiced in the North Jersey area for the past 30 years and had a large circle of friends, as well as patients. She was active in many civic activities.

'27—Dr. William C. Weisbecker is now located in a really rural office setting, a remodeled cottage on a farm he purchased last spring on Longsdale Road near Bush School, in the vicinity of Kutztown, Pa. Dr. Weisbecker was actively connected with PCO for 30 years, Instructor in Anatomy and Physiology for the College, and Supervisor of the Endocrine and Diabetes Clinics. Among other things on the farm, he is specializing in raising chinchillas. The herd stood at 74 at the last count.

'31—Dr. William A. Ellis, Grand Rapids, Michigan, immediate past-president of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy, is busy this year as Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Academy membership is growing by leaps and bounds, following the action of the American Medical Association in repudiating the report of its committee to discuss relations with osteopathy.

'37—Dr. Thomas F. Santucci, Lecturer in Pediatrics on the PCO Faculty, has been elected President of Region I of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians. Dr. Samuel L. Caruso, '47, is President-Elect. Dr. Leopold Salkind, '44, is Vice-President.

'38—Dr. Richard Sayre Koch, Olympia, Washington, captured first honors in a Toastmasters' Humorous Speech contest. Dr. and Mrs. Koch appeared on TV during the week prior to Safe Driving Day sponsored by the Washington State Patrol. Dr. Koch's office was chosen as a representative Doctor's Office.

'38—Dr. Brewster E. Topping died January 15 of a heart attack in his home, 11 Turner Avenue, Swedesboro, N. J. Native of New York City, Dr. Topping was graduated from Lafayette

College in 1924. He was a member of the staff of the Audubon Hospital and Solomon's Lodge, FAM, of Somerville, N. J. He is survived by his widow and five children, a brother, Major Walter S. Topping, in the Army at Alexandria, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Harriet A. Hunt of Roosevelt, N. Y.

'39—Dr. Raymond M. Chaitin, Brooklyn, has his law degree from Brooklyn Law School and in addition to his osteopathic practice, is serving as a Medico-Legal consultant.

'40—Dr. Robert H. Abbott, Muncy, Pa., is president of the Lycoming County Boroughs Association. Dr. Abbott is a visiting Lecturer at PCO Department of Osteopathic Principles and Techniques.

'40—Dr. Edward D. White, staff member of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital, is President of District 3 of the POA. Dr. White is a Tarheel originally, graduate of Elon College before matriculating at PCO. He practiced for 3½ years in Charlotte, N. C., before entering the armed services. Upon discharge from the army he interned at Allentown and served as Acting Chief Resident for a year before opening his office for private practice.

'42—Dr. Herbert Weinberg sailed for India before Christmas on a trip during which his booking called for him to do eye surgery and conduct an eye clinic at the London Mission Hospital at Jammalamadugu.

'42—Dr. Stanley Dorman, Philadelphia, passed the first examinations for certification given by the American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Dorman is a member of the United States Committee of the World Medical Association and is actively associated with numerous organizations identified with the field of rehabilitation.

'47—The stars were favorable at the birth of Kevin Alan Zacour, son of Dr. Alexander Zacour, born November 9, in the Orrville (Ohio) Community Osteopathic Hospital. It was almost the third anniversary of his older brother, Wayne, born November 10, 1952. The chief statistic about Kevin is that he was the 1000th delivery of the hospital's chief obstetrician, Dr. Maurice C. Kropf, KCOS, '31. Dr. Zacour, formerly of the PCO Radiology Department, is Radiologist at the Orrville Hospital.

'53—Dr. Leland E. Childers, Olympia, Washington, suffered the loss of his 6-month-old son who passed away in an attack of virus pneumonia.

'54—Attention other classes! Dr. Brian Herdeg, 677 Parkside Avenue,

Buffalo 16, N. Y., distinguished Editor of the *Axone* in his undergraduate years, continues to be a busy editor in his graduate incarnation. The Class of '54 has a regularly published "Informal Self-appointed Mimeo Journal." Members of other classes who want to keep informed about the noble Class of '54 only have to drop Brian a note. It will be well to enclose enough contribution to cover postage. It's a good buy!

'54—Dr. Robert G. Rothberg has opened offices in Glenolden, Pa., corner of Park and Crescent Drives, Westbrook Park. Dr. Rothberg, a Philadelphian, took his pre-professional training at Temple University, and interned at Metropolitan Hospital, Philadelphia.

'54—Dr. Richard S. Fasnacht has opened offices for the general practice of osteopathy on Springfield Road, Broomall, Pa. Dr. Fasnacht is the son of Dr. Walter K. Fasnacht, '24, Cranford, N. J. He had his pre-professional education at Drew University and Upsala College, and interned at Erie Osteopathic Hospital. Mrs. Fasnacht is a Registered Nurse, a graduate of PCO School of Nursing. They have two children, a girl and a boy.

'54—Dr. Donald E. Braunlich has opened an office in Brecksville, Ohio. Don is a native Ohioan, home town Stow, and took his B.S. at Kent State University. He interned at Bay View Hospital, Bay Village, Ohio.

'54—Dr. G. George Baumgaertel, Jr., Fellow in Internal Medicine in the PCO hospitals, has opened his office for the practice of osteopathic medicine at 3301 Knorr Street, in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.

'57—Dr. and Mrs. Norman H. Bram have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Norman Murry Charney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Charney of Brooklyn. Miss Bram is a senior at Temple University. Mr. Charney is a graduate of Brooklyn College and a junior at PCO.

'59—James Howard Wallace, Millville, N. J., started the new year as a bridegroom. Saturday morning, December 31, he married Miss Dolores Pauline Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mitchell of Englewood, N. J., at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood. A reception at the Rutherford Women's Club, Rutherford, N. J., followed the Nuptial Mass. The bride is a graduate of Chestnut Hill College, where she was president of the Science Club. The groom has his B.S. from Georgetown University, and served in the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.





GLEE CLUB IN ACTION ON STAGE AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Kids and Grownups Make Christmas Merry

The PCO Christmas Party, replete with a bouncing big Santa Claus, caroling by the Glee Club through the wards and halls of the hospital as well as under the Christmas tree, and a variety program of acts staged by student body thespians, was held in the College Auditorium, Monday, December 19.

Santa Claus (in real life, Howard Charles Burney Peckins, '56) greeted a couple hundred of the younger generation with gifts under the tree in the auditorium. He also visited the Pediatrics floor of the hospital and came back with a lighter load and a lighter heart.

The acts were terrific. Members of the faculty and administration who stayed away lost a wonderful chance to see themselves as undergraduate eyes see them.

### Defunct AMA Committee Escapes a Tough Problem

Too bad the American Medical Association discharged its famous Committee for the Study of Relations between Osteopathy and Medicine. If they were still working here is something they could work on, from the Bethlehem, Pa., *Times*:

"Mrs. John A. Taylor of 2250 Main Street announces the engagement of her daughter Jacqueline to Lawrence J. Jordan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Jordan of Germantown.

"The bride, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is attending the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Her fiancé is an alumnus of La Salle College and is a student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathy."

### \$100 From Ship 'n Shore

The Hospitals of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy have received a contribution of \$100 from the Ship 'n' Shore Foundation, Upland, Pa., transmitted by Mr. William Netsky, a patient of Dr. Carl Fischer, '26, a member of the PCO Board of Directors.

Thanks to Dr. Fischer and the goodwill toward our institution which he has fostered, the Ship 'n' Shore Foundation has become an annual contributor to our hospitals.

### AOAS Meets in Davenport

Dr. William A. Reynolds, '41, Haverford, Pa., Secretary-Treasurer of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sclerotherapy, announces that the Annual Convention and Educational Program will be held at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, May 31, June 1-2. All D.O.s are invited, whether members of the organization or not.

Various phases of treatment by the injection method will be covered. The program lists hernia, rectal problems, varicose veins and ulcers, thrombophlebitis, hypermobile joints, arthritis, flat feet, hydrocele and varicocele.



PCO SANTY DROPS IN ON A PEDIATRICS PATIENT



## School of Nursing Team Exemplifies Spirit of PCO

by PAUL S. SNOKE, '56

**E**NTHUSIASM was the byword of this year's School of Nursing basketball team. Even though playing other nursing schools two and three times their size, enthusiasm never stopped throughout the entire season.

Veterans from last year's squad were Captain Nancy Evans, Joanne Rohrer, Leanne Wood and Theresa Ramey. Although missing several games because of an operation, Nancy was lightning-fast and played an inspired game of forward last year, but was converted to guard this year to strengthen the defense. Although called upon several times this season to play at her old position, she performed equally well at that position also. Leanne was playing an improved game of ball as the season came to a close.

Terry was indefatigable at guard, but left her own guard down one night at practice and received a beautiful "shiner" as her reward. She was the butt of much kidding from doctors and patients for a few weeks.

Newcomers to the team this year were Nancy Nielsen, Flip White, Marie Bybel, forwards, and Joan Mezget, Joanne Labezius and Barbara Lane, guards. Nancy and Flip teamed with Nancy Evans at forward and gave a good account of themselves throughout the season.

Nancy Nielsen's natural abilities will undoubtedly place her among the top scorers next year like Nancy Samp last year. Flip White improved steadily throughout the season and should show some peak performances next season. Performing capably as substitute forward this year Marie Bybel will be battling for one of the forward positions next year.

Guards Mezget and Labezius were the tall ones on this year's squad and with the experience gained this year they should be great assets next year. Although substituting quite regularly early in the season, Barbara Lane was forced to the sidelines in mid-season because of an old injury, but took over

the reins of Student Manager which she filled capably.

Many thanks go to Bernice Getz, Christianna Kearsley, and Phyliss Seibert, our Scorekeepers and Timekeepers. Bows also should be taken by our cheerleaders, Jane Whiteside, Pauline Sweigert and Winfred Wheeler, who cheered the team on despite some empty stands this year.

Deeply seeded between the lines of this short sketch is that ever familiar cry of Coach Snoke, "Wait until next year."

But, as coach, I want to express my appreciation of the wonderful cooperation given by the Nursing School Directors, Miss Ranck and Miss Reese. They recognize the morale lift of the basketball project to the School, as illustrated by the desire of the girls to practice in the evenings after a pretty long day in the classrooms and laboratories, plus duty on the hospital floors.

I feel the playing, the sportsman-like spirit and the general conduct of our nursing students in their contacts with students from other hospital schools has helped maintain the high prestige of PCO as an institution in the regard of the public.



OUR VALIANT WARRIORS IN THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF NURSING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The league is supported by the Helen Fairchild Nurses' Post No. 412, American Legion. University of Pennsylvania and Jefferson fought it out for the title, but our team held firm in its position of last season. Here they are between the halves of a hard-fought battle, standing, left to right: Seibert '57, Getz '57, Goodhart '58, Labezius '58, Mezget '58, White '58, Nielsen '58, Stauffer '57, Coach Snoke '56. Front row: Locklin '58, Ramey '57, Rohrer '57, Captain Nancy Evans '57, Lane '58, Wood '57, Bybel '58.



### OBS-GYN Department Honors Mrs. Edna Lear

Mrs. Edna Lear rounded out 10 years on the Nursing Staff of the Hospitals of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and the Faculty of the School of Nursing in royal fashion, a dinner in her honor given by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Black Horse Tavern on City Line Saturday evening, February 18.

The department presented her with a wrist watch as a symbol of their appreciation of her work as Delivery Room Supervisor and her general benign influence on the operation of the department's functions in both the Hospital and the Nursing School, together with good wishes for ten more "Lear Years Here."

Mrs. Lear is a nursing graduate of Craig Colony, Rochester, N. Y. She has made a lasting contribution to our institution.

In addition to Dr. Frank E. Gruber, '26, OG department head, Dr. H. Walter Evans, '17, now Professional Director of the PCO hospitals and OG department chairman during the first nine years of Mrs. Lear's service, and department members and their wives, the gathering included the guest of honor's husband, Mr. Lindsay Lear, Miss Bette Berkstresser and Mrs. Edith Bortner, nursing associates, and Mr. John K. Bortner, Mrs. Sara Searight,



GUEST OF HONOR

Assistant Director of Nursing Service in charge of North Center Hospital, Dr. Hartley Steinsnyder, assistant in Urology, and Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Wechsler, Resident in Obstetrical-Gynecological Surgery.

Members of the department and wives present were: Dr. and Mrs. Herman Kohn, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Barnhurst, Dr. and Mrs. Lester Eisenberg, Dr. and Mrs. William G. Morris, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Brint, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Back, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas C. Eni, and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew D. DeMasi.

### 23 New PCOSN Juniors Take Nightingale Pledge

Elsie B. Cantwell, Executive Secretary of the Bucks-Philadelphia County District of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association, delivered the "Spirit of Nursing" address at Capping Exercises for the first year class of the PCO School of Nursing Thursday evening, March 1.

Miss Irma Jeannette Reese, Acting Director of the PCO School of Nursing, did the "capping," giving each of the 23 students her trim white cap as a mark of successful completion of the Pre-Clinical year. Dr. Frederic H. Barth, Chairman of the PCO Board of Directors, presided. Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Stanley K. Gambell, D.D., pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church, and the PCO Glee Club did itself proud.

The Nightingale Pledge made a colorful picture as the 23 newly-capped students advancing from the Pre-clinical year to the Junior year had their lamps lighted with the "Spirit of Nursing" by a senior student attired as Florence Nightingale. Miss Betty Jane Smith, Livonia, Mich., of the graduating class of '56, portrayed the torchbearer of the Spirit of Nursing.

Relatives and friends of the students attended a reception at the Nurses' Home, 4519 Spruce Street, immediately following the ceremonies.



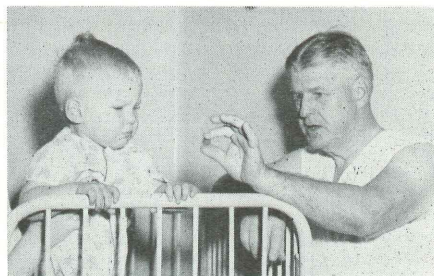
PCOSN CLASS OF 1958 ON WAY TO CAPS

Front row: Patricia Jean Sandford, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Teresa Marguerite DeMuro, Philadelphia; Winifred Ann Joseph, Onkama, Mich.; Barbara Ann Lane, Bausman, Pa. . . . Second row: Nancy Geraldine Locklin, Havertown, Pa.; Christianna Rees Kearsley, Philadelphia; Carol Ann Beckley, Audubon, N. J.; Nancy Joan Weinert, Phoenixville, Pa.; Sonya May Hughes, Lancaster, Pa.; Marie Bybel, Reading, Pa. . . . Third row: Anne Louise Goodhart, Millersville, Pa.; Patricia Marie Sayres, Philadelphia; Beverly Joanne Bubb, Harrisburg, Pa.; Nancy Maren Neilsen, Portland, Me.; Sally Alice Struse, Phoenixville, Pa.; Joan Dorothy Mezget, Cleveland, O. . . . Top row: Catherine Pauline Korenkiewicz, Yantic, Conn.; Joanne Claire Labezius, Lancaster, Pa.; Virginia Mae Rice, Walnutport, Pa.; SuAnn Fairchild Clymer, Allentown, Pa.; Marilyn Joanne Youngs, Jackson, Mich.; Phillipa Mary White, Detroit, Mich. Absent members of class: Dorothy Jane Groff, Doylestown, Pa., and Kay Joyce Winchester, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Miss Youngs withdrew from school before completing pre-clinical year.



## Cradle Roll—PCO Hospitals

- Oct. 7—John Walter Fornace, son of Mrs. Francis H. and Dr. Albert J. Fornace, '44, PCO Associate in Osteopathic Medicine. Delivered by Dr. H. Walter Evans, '17.
- Oct. 9—Mary Jean Fasnacht, daughter of Mrs. Betty A. and Dr. Richard S. Fasnacht, '54, Broomall, Pa. Delivered by Dr. Lester Eisenberg, '38.
- Oct. 22—Bruce Evans Pencek, son of Mrs. Helen and Dr. Ronald F. Pencek, '39, Moylan, Pa. Delivered by Dr. Evans.
- Oct. 27—Wendy Leigh Farrow, daughter of Mrs. Pauline E. and Dr. Charles D. Farrow, Jr., KC '54, PCO Second-Year Rotating Intern. Delivered by Dr. Eisenberg.
- Oct. 31—Margaret MacAuslan, daughter of Mrs. Sally A. and Robert C. MacAuslan, '57, Sharon Hill, Pa. Delivered by Dr. Eisenberg.
- Nov. 3—David Salkind, son of Mrs. Thelma L. and Dr. Alan Salkind, '47, Philadelphia. Delivered by Dr. Eisenberg.
- Nov. 4—Brian Kominsky, son of Mrs. Elaine and Solomon Kominsky, '59, Levittown, Pa. Delivered by Dr. Andrew D. DeMasi, '47.
- Nov. 7—Thelma Jean Citta, daughter of Mrs. Marion L. and Richard J. Citta, '58, Toms River, N. J. Delivered by Dr. DeMasi.
- Nov. 24—Theodore Charles Garland, Jr., son of Mrs. Patricia R. and Theodore C. Garland, '57, Armonk, N. Y. Delivered by Dr. Evans.
- Dec. 7—John Timothy Fleitz, son of Mrs. Claire C. and Dr. John J. Fleitz, '52, Colwick, N. J. Delivered by Dr. William G. Morris, '40.
- Dec. 23—Kevin Francis Sullivan, son of Mrs. Lou L. and James J. Sullivan, '56, Springfield, Mass. Delivered by Dr. Frank E. Gruber, '26.
- Jan. 3—Joseph Cicero, son of Mrs. Mary T. and George J. Cicero, '58, Brooklyn, N. Y. Delivered by Dr. DeMasi.
- Jan. 10—Bruce Robinson Guerdan, son of Mrs. Eugenie M. and Dr. Donald C. Guerdan, '51, Hatfield, N. J. Delivered by Dr. Herman Kohn, '27.
- Jan. 10—Dennis Robert Kane, son of Mrs. Kathleen R. and Dr. Robert J. Kane, '54, Philadelphia. Delivered by Dr. Gruber.
- Jan. 20—Stephen Robert Capista, son of Mrs. Rose Marie and Dr. John F. Capista, '46, PCO Clinical Assistant in Osteopathic Medicine. Delivered by Dr. Gruber.
- Jan. 23—Randolph Harvey Axelrod, son of Mrs. Melba L. and Norman M. Axelrod, '58, Philadelphia. Delivered by Dr. Kohn.
- Jan. 24—Eileen Amy Goldberger, daughter of Mrs. Bernice B. and Dr. Fredric Goldberger, '53, PCO Resident in Internal Medicine. Delivered by Dr. Kohn.
- Jan. 27—Robert Noble Wagner, son of Mrs. Helga C. and Dr. Earle N. Wagner, '55, Intern, PCO Hospitals. Delivered by Dr. DeMasi.
- Jan. 29—Mark Raymond Kaplan, son of Mrs. Dolores G. and Louis Mark Kaplan, '58, Philadelphia. Delivered by Dr. Eisenberg.
- Feb. 5—James Lawrence Walsh, son of Mrs. Mary C. and Dr. Vincent I. Walsh, '44, Philadelphia. Delivered by Drs. Kohn and Eisenberg.
- Feb. 8—Jeffrey Allen Thome, son of Mrs. Rachel Mae and Donald H. Thome, '59, Mount Joy, Pa. Delivered by Dr. Eisenberg.



PROFESSOR LEUZINGER LECTURING

Dale E. Gillow, aged 18 months, from Honesdale, Pa. (and in a hurry), gets his first instruction in dietetics from Dr. J. Ernest Leuzinger, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology. This last is the one! The admonition to Dale is to abstain permanently from ingesting red-cloth-covered buttons  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch thick, such as Dr. Leuzinger is showing him after having extracted same from the Gillow larynx. "Vitamins, yes! Calories, within reason. BUT—not these buttons, see!"

## \$1000 Essay Contest On Maine Osteopathy

An orchid to the Maine Osteopathic Association for a splendid stroke in stimulating state-wide student thought on the osteopathic approach to public health.

The State Association, with the approval of the State Principals Association, has announced a contest for High School seniors in essay writing, the subject being a dual basic question: How can Maine best meet the needs for additional osteopathic physicians? What are the best ways of more completely providing osteopathic medical care for rural Maine?

First prize in the essay contest is \$500, reported to be the largest ever offered in a high school contest in Maine. Second prize is \$300, with four additional prizes of \$50 each.

Applications and contest literature were mailed to all the high schools in the State. The deadline is April 16, with winners to be announced May 23.

The two major prize winners will be the guests of the State Association at the annual Convention Dinner in the Samoset Hotel, Rockland, June 16th.

## Mills Instills Missionaryism

Student Assembly, Monday, January 30, was addressed by Lawrence W. Mills, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Education of the American Osteopathic Association and a member of the AOA Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges.

His message to PCO students emphasized the fact that the best recruitment for the building of the professional candidates in the colleges is done by the students themselves, working in the campus areas of their own alma maters.

## WL Card Party Held at Wanmaker's

The Annual Card Party of the Women's League of the Hospitals of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, March 15 in the auditorium of the John Wanmaker Store, launches a busy season of activity for the Leaguers.

Mrs. Carl Fischer is chairman of the committee. Reservations were heavy as we went to press. The Women's League, whose efforts made the Country Fair successful at the two Rose Tree Horse Shows conducted for the PCO hospitals, hold monthly luncheon meetings the year around.

Mrs. James M. Eaton, of Penn Valley, is President. The enrollment lists many members of both the Women's Auxiliary and the Junior Aid Society.



## Cardiology Symposium Registers 52 Physicians

**F**IFTY-TWO osteopathic physicians whose graduation dates cover a 30-year spread on the calendar and whose geographical range included western New York State and Ohio, as well as points nearer at hand, registered for the Postgraduate Symposium on Heart Disease, held at the College, Saturday, February 18th.

Distinguished guest faculty collaborated with the PCO Department of Osteopathic Medicine and its Cardiovascular Training staff in presenting a sweeping picture of the latest advances in diagnosis of cardiac conditions.

The program was headed by Dr. Murray Goldstein, DMS '50, of the United States Public Health Service and its National Heart Institute at Bethesda, Maryland. At 10 o'clock Dr. Goldstein began his lecture on Atherosclerosis.

This logically worked into the panel on Coronary Artery Disease, which held the floor from 11 o'clock until long past noon. The Moderator was Professor William F. Daiber, '28, chairman of the PCO Department of Osteopathic Medicine. Members of the panel in addition to Dr. Goldstein were Dr. Charles M. Worrell, '26, Professor Earl F. Riceman, '27, and Professor Victor R. Fisher, '36, PCO Director of Postgraduate Studies.

After luncheon, served in the auditorium as a general social hour of reunion and informal discussion of the subject at hand, the afternoon program began at 1:30 with a lecture on ambulatory treatment of congestive heart failure by Dr. Charles M. Worrell, '26, F.A.C.O.I., diplomat of the American Osteopathic Board of Internists, Past-President of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the Harrisburg Osteopathic Hospital.

Samuel Bellet, M.D., held the rostrum from 2 to 3 with a discussion of Cardia Arrhythmias. Dr. Bellet represented the Heart Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, of which he is President. He is Professor of Clinical Cardiology in the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and Director of Cardiology at Philadelphia General Hospital. PCO was highly honored by having him on its program. The attending physicians were greatly benefited, particularly by the slides illustrating conditions under scrutiny.

Dr. Arthur M. Flack, Jr., PCO Professor of Surgery and Vice-Chairman

## Cancer Symposium

THE PCO DIVISION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES ANNOUNCES  
A SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER, SATURDAY, APRIL 21

### PROGRAM

9:00- 9:30	The Problem of Cancer .....	Dr. Paul T. Lloyd
9:30-10:00	Recent Advances in Cancer Research.....	Dr. Earl F. Riceman
10:00-10:30	Biochemical Aspects of Cancer .....	Dr. Kenneth L. Senior
10:30-11:15	Methods Available Today for Early Detection,	Dr. William F. Daiber
11:15-12:15	The Cancer Problem in Children .....	Dr. Leo C. Wagner
12:15- 1:15	Luncheon in College Auditorium	
1:15- 2:00	American Cancer Society	
2:00- 2:30	Experiences in the Treatment of Mammary Cancer,	Dr. Herman Kohn
2:30- 3:00	Experiences in Uterine Cancer .....	Dr. Frank E. Gruber
3:00- 3:30	Experiences in Pulmonary Cancer .....	Dr. Arthur M. Flack, Jr.
3:30- 4:00	Care of the Patient with Advanced Cancer,	Dr. William Baldwin, Jr.

CHAIRMAN FOR THE DAY—Dr. Paul T. Lloyd

### FACULTY

William Baldwin, Jr., A.B., M.A., D.O., F.A.C.O.I., Professor and Chairman	Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
William F. Daiber, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., Professor and Chairman	Department of Osteopathic Medicine
Arthur M. Flack, Jr., A.B., D.O., F.A.C.O.S., Professor and Vice-Chairman	Department of Surgery
Frank E. Gruber, D.O., Professor and Acting Chairman	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Paul T. Lloyd, D.O., M.Sc. (Ost), D.Sc., F.A.C.O.S., Professor and Chairman	Department of Radiology, Director of Cancer Training Program
Earl F. Riceman, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., Professor, Department of Osteopathic Medicine, Coordinator of Cancer Training Program	
Kenneth L. Senior, B.S., M.S., D.Sc., Professor and Chairman	Department of Chemistry
Herman Kohn, D.O., Clinical Professor	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Leo C. Wagner, D.O., M.Sc. (Ost), Professor	Department of Pediatrics

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of the Department, described the present status of cardiac surgery in the hour from 3 to 4, following which a motion picture showing some of the recent developments in the field of cardiology was presented.

This was the second of three Saturday symposia which Professor Fisher arranged for the postgraduate division in the current year. The third symposium, Cancer, will be presented Saturday, April 21st. With each succeeding symposium, physicians of not only the immediate vicinity of Philadelphia but further into the other States in the East, found it profitable to make a week-end of study.

'35—Classmates at PCO, Dr. William H. Lodge and Dr. Lewis M. Yunginger will guide the destinies of District 5 of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association for the next two years. Dr. Lodge, Hershey, Pa., has served for two years past as Chairman and Council Representative. Dr. Yunginger, Lancaster, was elected Vice-Chairman at the last meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer is Dr. Joseph D. McMenamin, '52, of York.

'37—Dr. H. A. Laidman, Glen Rock, N. J., has joined the staff of the Osteopathic Hospital and Clinic of New York.



## Low Back Symposium Lures D.O.'s From Afar

**D**R. WALDO E. DILLENBECK, '23, who drove overnight from Ithaca, N. Y., over ice-caked roads, won the prize for traveling the longest distance to get to the PCO Saturday Symposium on Low Back Pain, held in the College Auditorium January 21. The Symposium, as programmed by the PCO Division of Postgraduate Studies, and chairmanned by Dr. James M. Eaton, '28, kept the auditorium busy from morning until late afternoon.

More than 40 physicians, including members of the PCO faculty, were in attendance. The enthusiasm with which the participants received the presentations and the character of the ensuing discussions indicated that the subject will be continued in subsequent similar sessions.

Dr. Eaton, '28, Chief of the Surgical Staff of the PCO hospitals, head of the Surgery department, and Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, set the keynote approach with his introduction, starting at 9 A.M. At 10 came Dr. George W. Northup, '39, Livingston, N. J., member of the AOA Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges and a visiting Lecturer in the PCO Department of Osteopathic Principles and Techniques. Dr. Northup set up the osteopathic concept in relation to the symposium subject, then Dr. Paul T.

Lloyd, '23, PCO Chairman of Radiology, approached the central theme from the roentgenologic aspect.

After lunch in the auditorium, Dr. Angus G. Cathie, '31, PCO Professor of Anatomy, gave a thorough analysis of osteopathic manipulative techniques as applied to the low back syndrome.

Lift therapy, braces, casts, etc., were discussed following which Dr. Eaton headed a discussion on the herniated lumbar disk in which questions from the floor and by the participants, as well as the faculty, were dissected.

### Lapeer Bats .667 in PG

Lapeer, Mich. (Pop. 6,116) has AA1-super-standing with the PCO Division of Postgraduate Studies.

There are three D.O.s in Lapeer. Dr. John S. Thompson, KCOS '45, has taken several courses over the past two years. This February, Dr. Glenn D. Blankenhorn, Jr., KCOS '51, reported for the Obs-Gyn course.

The PG registry department is holding a place for the other osteopathic physician in Lapeer, and hopes that Lapeer will soon become a 1,000% PCOPG community. As of now, Lapeer takes the PCOPG prize for having the largest percentage of its osteopathic population in line traveling the greatest distance.

### OBS-GYN PG's Out-Vote Home Team by 7 to 6

PCO was outvoted 7 to 6 in the line-up of the postgraduate class in Obstetrics and Gynecology which held sway on the campus from Monday to Friday, February 13 to 17, five from Kirksville, one from Chicago, and one from Los Angeles.

Traveling the furthest distance was Dr. Wilbur A. Lose, COPS '37, Clovis, California, slightly shading PCO's own Dr. Wilbur W. Baldwin, '46, from Dallas, Texas.

Distinguished guest lecturer and demonstrator was Dr. Robert F. Haas, ATS '26, Dayton, Ohio, integrating with Dr. Frank E. Gruber, '26, Acting Chairman of the PCOOG department, and members of the College Faculty.

From nearer points than Cal. and Tex. came Drs. Robert J. Baba, '45, Dumont, N. J., Harry S. Barberian, '46, Lancaster, Pa., Glenn D. Blankenhorn, Jr., KCOS '51, Lapeer, Mich., Elizabeth M. Bond, '40, Newtown, Pa., Lawrence Everett Giffen, KCOS '45, Jefferson City, Mo., Donald R. Harper, '44, Harrisburg, Pa., Wendell E. Jacobs, KCOS '41, Howell, Mich., Howard O. Messmore, KCOS '30, Grand Rapids, Mich., Harold W. Nolf, '42, Akron, O., Edmund Waskin, CCO '41, Detroit, Mich., and Dr. E. P. Wegner, ASO '24, Detroit.

Dr. Frederic H. Barth, Chairman of the PCO Board, and Dean Mercer addressed the busy group at the Certificate Dinner February 16 at the Hotel Penn-Sherwood.



PG OBS-GYN CLASS DINES AT PENN-SHERWOOD

Course certificates with dinner is the rule in PCO's Division of Postgraduate Studies. This was Feb. 16 and the participants, left to right, are: Drs. Blankenhorn, Nolf, Bond, Messmore, Waskin, Giffen, Barberian, Wegner, Baldwin, Jacobs, Lose, Haas, Gruber, and Dean Mercer. Dr. Barth, Dr. Evans and President Brandt also enjoyed the occasion even though the picture was not wide enough for them to get in.



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